

Scottish Government Update to Hunterston Stakeholder Group – 3 June 2021

Scottish Government Radioactive Waste and Nuclear Decommissioning Policy Team

The team and department has undergone some severe changes over the last couple of months.

Our Cabinet Secretary Roseanna Cunningham has retired. Her successor is MSP Michael Matheson.

We have had several changes to our senior management. Kevin Quinlan has taken over as our Director and Aiden Grisewood has taken over as deputy director.

Pat McAuley has accepted a new role elsewhere in Scottish Government. His replacement, Dan Couldridge, took up his position on the 26th of May.

Tony McFadden, who was a Nuclear Graduate Intern who had been assisting the team, left at the end of March 2021 when his 6 month secondment ended. He is now on secondment at Hunterston B.

A structure chart has been created for the team with our contact details. This was sent to Jill prior to the meeting.

BEIS led Policy Review (Command Paper 2919)

BEIS recommenced their work on the policy review on radioactive substances and nuclear decommissioning. The Scottish Government provided comments on chapters within the draft consultation document as required. The timing on the potential publication of the consultation had been delayed until the summer of 2021 due to the Welsh and Scottish general elections. The consultation work is due to recommence this month.

The Scottish Government will provide further updates to the Hunterston Stakeholder Group as this work develops.

Scottish Higher Activity Waste (HAW) Policy Review

The Scottish Government is preparing a consultation on the review of the Scottish Government Higher Activity Waste Policy statement (2011). The policy for higher activity waste policy remains that the long-term management of higher activity radioactive waste should be in near-surface facilities. Facilities should be located as near to the site where the waste is produced as possible.

It is estimated that the launch of the consultation will commence in the summer. The Scottish Government will provide further updates to the Hunterston Stakeholder Group as this work develops.

Virtual Scottish Site Stakeholder Group Meeting

The virtual SSSG meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th of June at 14.00. The agenda for this meeting will be issued in due course.

If you have not received an invitation to this meeting and wish to attend, please contact diane.hamilton@gov.scot

NDA Strategy IV

The public consultation on the NDA Strategy IV was launched on 17 August and closed on 8 November 2020. The document has been approved by both UK and Scottish Ministers and was published on 18 March 2021 as well as being laid at the Scottish Parliament.

ONR – 7th Joint Convention report

Engagement also continues on the work being led by ONR on the 7th Joint Convention report (to the International Atomic Energy Authority on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management) with the policy team ensuring that Scottish policies and priorities are captured as required. The report is expected to be published soon after ministerial approval.

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